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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61599

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Appln. No.: 09/700,121

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.: 1919

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: PALLET AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE PALLET

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

MAIL STOP PETITION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned, on behalf of Applicant, petitions the Commissioner to withdraw a holding of abandonment of the above identified application. The application was abandoned for failure to respond to the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS, mailed January 8, 2001, within the time period set therein. However, the required documents were in fact filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within the required time period, but have evidently been misplaced by the PTO.

Submitted herewith are the following documents:

1. Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 mailed January 8, 2001;
2. Response to Missing Parts Requirement filed February 5, 2001;
3. Date Stamped filing receipt bearing PTO mail room stamp of February 5, 2001 and identifying the above listed papers as filed on that date;
4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney document filed November 9, 2000;
5. Copy of application transmittal letter dated November 9, 2000;

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6. Stamp and Return Receipt bearing PTO mail room stamp of November 9, 2000 and identifying the above listed papers as filed on that date; and
7. Notice of Abandonment.

From documents 1-7 it is clear that this firm, representing Applicant, duly filed a Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 with the PTO on February 5, 2001, well within the response time period. The undersigned further notes that since the Declaration and Power of Attorney document was filed concurrently with the filing of the national stage application on November 9, 2000, the Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed in error.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application should not have been abandoned and the Commissioner is petitioned to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

In addition, the undersigned petitions the Commissioner to revive the above application, as all required documents were filed in the U.S.P.T.O. within the required time period.

Respectfully submitted,



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